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Chapter 1

There Are Monsters Among Us

It was a peaceful day in town, but no one knew about the two creatures scurrying through the sewer system. In truth the two didn't know where they were going - they just wanted to get away from that place. "Commander, the area has been completely sealed off. All sectors have been alerted. Sector Security has sealed off the sky area." One female assistant stated as alarms blared and lights flashed in the building she worked at.

"The targets are renegades. We must catch them before they get away. Don't you agree, Sampson." A voice said.

"Where are they now?" The leader said.

"Trying to escape through area B-7." One of them answered while scanning her computer screen carefully. He thought about it and knew exactly who to send.

"Send Yoshino. Only a high-level DATS agent can capture a Digimon." The man instructed. Several police vehicles were driving around town with a message to deliver.

"Attention all citizens. A gas leak has been discovered in the

vicinity. Authorities are attempting to remove it. Please return to your homes, or seek shelter immediately." The message said, and a fisherman heard this, but knew the truth.

'Should I get involved in case they need help.' The fisherman thought as he watched the vehicles pass by. At one of the cornered off spots people gathered to try to see what was going on, and in that crowd was a pair of trained professionals.

"Sorry, no one is allowed in." An officer stated as a woman in a pink uniform approached the tape. Knowing the drill she pulled out her ID.

"I'm a special agent from DATS. How's the evacuation going?" The woman informed and questioned. The police knew about the organization, and could tell the ID was legit, so one of them decided to reply.

"There seems to be some sort of hold up just to the south of this area." The officer said while looking in the direction he was talking about. At that moment the DATS member's partner spoke up.

"Yoshi?" The voice said causing the young woman to pull out a rectangular shaped device from her belt.

"Yes." She said to the screen.

"We're picking up signs of life 500 feet away." The partner explained to her.

"Is it the targets?" The female agent asked since she wanted this mission to end nice and quick.

"No. Humans." The creature answered back which caused the woman in the field to bypass the tape, and go to the park. "Sixteen humans, to be exact." The creature said as the other two were running to the location.

"I'm on my way." She responded and picked up the pace. A few minutes later she came upon sixteen humans - all groaning in pain.

"Oh-no." The partner said after catching side of the field, and was alarmed that her fellow Digimon would do such a thing.

"This is Yoshino, we have sixteen humans down in need of medical attention." The officer said through her ear piece. The young woman then walked past them to see if there was anyone else, but instead found what she was looking for. "It's the targets Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1, and they are engaging more humans." She informed them while seeing a yellow lizard and a fox staring down a brown haired boy in street clothes and a raven haired boy also in street clothes.

"I don't what you are, but you're standing the middle of my turf." The one in the orange jacket said to the lizard who growled at him.

"I can tell that you're a reasonable creature, but I have a feeling you do not simply wish to walk away." The hat wearer questioned politely since he often tried to avoid a meaningless fight. The mammal's reply was a simple shake of the head.

"This is my training ground. One day I'm going to be a ultimate fighter. Fans all over will chant my name. They'll say - Marcus Damon is the best." The one in the orange jacket said to his opponent.

"Are those two picking a fight with Digimon?" Yoshi questioned as she did not see this ending well.

"Why are you here, then?" The fuzzy one asked the hat wearer, and even though he spoke as though he didn't like fighting, judging by his stance the human before her had the potential to be a true warrior.

"I mostly come here to think and for the peace and quiet. Personally, I wasn't expecting to run into a talking fox." The raven haired stranger states back.

"Dry up. Boy you're really full of yourself! You're like all the other humans - all talk and no action, like your friend there." The lizard shouted back at his opponent.

"Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 can talk?" Yoshi questioned since she did not know that he could do that at all.

"Yoshi, they'll destroy the humans." The creature in the device explained to her stunned partner.

"Keep it up, and I'll knock you out just like I did these guys." The human brawler shouted out to the lizard who wasn't intimidated by the threat.

"What you do: just talk them to sleep?" Raptor-1 questioned back since he was getting sick of the human in front of him.

"Yoshino." A voice said through her comm link. "What are you waiting for? Get those civilians away from Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1." Sampson said in her earpiece.

"We can not let this escalate." The voice next to Sampson spoke again.

"I know." he answered back in a mellow tone. Back on the battlefield the young officer decided to follow the order to the best of her ability.

"Hey, you. Stop right there. You can't fight that. He's too dangerous." She shouted to the brawler. Her pleas were heard, but not heeded.

"Huh?! Look toots, I'm the dangerous fighter around here, and I don't need any babysitter to hold my hand." The brawler answered back in a angry tone.

"He's right. This is between him and me." The lizard stated to her as he kept his eyes on his opponent. The female seemed a little surprised that the humans decided to stay there and fight.

"Do not worry ma'am my friend is tougher than he looks. He will be all right." The hat wearer politely explained to her, before adding

"As for me I have no desire to fight."

"If that's the way you want it then go ahead." Yoshi said to the two.

"Yoshi, don't take that from them." Her partner explained back causing the human to try again.

"This is your last warning." She called out to them, but by then it was too late as the two decided to fight.

"I don't know what you are, but you're going down." Marcus said to the lizard, shouted out and charged as the lizard did as well.

"No way." One of the females at the base said out loud after seeing the show.

"Raptor-1 hit him, but he's still standing!" The other female shouted out in alarm as well. This even got the other two's attention.

"What did we just witness?" The voice questioned to his partner. Back on the battlefield the lizard and his opponent were flung to their butts.

"Hey, I wasn't ready. I was waiting for you to say 1, 2, 3, go. Like this - 1, 2, 3, go." The lizard explained before charging, but that cut short by a knee to the chin.

'He gives a new meaning to our kind.' The fox thought.

"What's your excuse this time?" Marcus asked his opponent after feeling good about his counter. Raptor-1 countered with a kick of his own to get some distance from his opponent.

"No more talk." The lizard said after getting some distance from his opponent.

"Fine, let's do some real fighting." Marcus replied back before getting into a scrap with the lizard. The hat wearer nodded to his opponent, and they started to fight as well. Back at the base the two females and the commander were alarmed at what they were seeing.

"He's actually matching the Digimon blow for blow, who is this boy?" The voice stated as he watched the fight - completely surprised as to how this will end. The battles continued for several hours: clear into dusk. Eventually the two decided to take a break since they were exhausted.

"You're pretty good...for a human." Agumon explained at the same while they were catching their breath.

"You've got some good fighting techniques yourself." Marcus stated back with a nod coming from his friend. The way they were laying was: Marcus, Raptor-1, Ash, Vulpin-1. The lizard knew that Marcus was worthy humans, so he did not mind calling off the fight.

"Let's call it a draw?" Raptor-1 offered with an outstretched claw. The humans smiled and decided to accept the offer by holding each creature's hand.

"I'm Agumon." The reptile said to the one in the orange jacket.

"Marcus. Marcus Damon." The human answered back.

"My name is Renamon." The canine said to the human beside her.

"I am Ash Ketchum." He answered back. After that the Digimon sat up, and decided to explain something.

"It's a pleasure to meet you, boss." Agumon said to the human that was even with him. That word confused the brawler, so he had to call the strange creature out on it.

"Boss?" Marcus questioned as he sat up and Ash did as well.

"Yeah. You see - you're the only guy who's ever matched me blow-for-blow in a fight before, so that makes you the boss. From now on you give the orders, and I'll faithfully follow them." Agumon explained to his partner. Ash turned to the canine with a confused look on his face.

"My explanation is the same minus the boss part." She explained to him. The human beside only smiled since he understood that much. As for Marcus - he still didn't know what to make of the 'boss' role.

"I'm your boss, huh? I never thought that I'd find an employee as funny looking as you." Marcus answered and was enjoying the moment with this creature, the mood quickly changed.

"Freeze!" A voice called out causing them to face the woman they completely ignored. The young lady pulled out a small rectangular device, and stated, "Lalamon, Realize!" In an instant a strange pink/green seed appeared causing the Digimon to get to their feet and the humans to freak out.

"What is that thing?" Marcus asked since, to him, it was stranger than the two next to him.

"So, are you two going to come quietly or do I have to use force?" She explained to the group in front of her.

"Who is she talking to you two or me?" Marcus asked since he got that statement from the police from time to time.

"Don't let them take us back, boss, please?" Agumon said as he worried about himself and his friends safety

"If they get us. Then they will destroy us." Renamon stated causing the two humans to do something about this.

"Hey, what are you kids doing?" The officer asked as each human picked up one Digimon. They looked at her and answered her truthfully.

"I've never had an employee before, and I'm not handing over my first one to you." Marcus explained.

"Tell her, boss." The reptile praised his partner.

"Besides, there is no honor in facing a winded opponent. Come find when they're back at full strength." Ash stated to the young woman. With nothing else to say they decided to run from the newcomers.

"Hey! Wait up!" She called out to the four, but her partner decided to try a stronger method.

"Seed Blast!" She called out before unleashing a barrage of seeds to stop the humans in their tracks.

"Let us handle this, boss." Agumon said before looking at the canine who nodded in acceptance. "Pepper Breath." He called out before unleashing a stream of fire from his mouth.

"Diamond Storm." The other one called out while channeling some kind of energy in her paw.

"They're attacking!" The young woman called out as she saw them getting ready to attack. The fire ball and diamond shards flew her direction, but the third creature interrupted.

"Seed Blast!" Lalamon said, and quickly added, "Yoshi." The location was covered in a thick layer of smoke which the two used to make a escape.

"They're gone." Yoshi stated to the empty field in front of her. Later that night the four sneak into the Tokyo Tower and went to the top - just to make sure they were out of sight.

"I've got to hand to you, boss. That was a great escape." Agumon said he glanced out the window at the city below him. His compliment was noted, but it raised a big question than neither human had the answer to.

"Thanks, Agumon, but there's one thing that bothers me. Who are we running away from!" He shouted at his employee which caused the other one to say.

"What are you creatures anyway? Where did you come from?" Ash asked them as he shifted his stare from the fox to the reptile.

"Gee, I'm not sure. I guess we come...from the institution." Agumon answered him as he looked at the two humans who seemed really nice. The two seemed even more lost since neither of them knew about such a place. "Please don't let them take us back there, boss, please?" Agumon pleads with his partner in a worried tone.

"I wonder why she is being so quiet?" Ash thought as Renamon wasn't really saying anything.

'That strange feeling that I had when he was giving me a piggy-back ride was meaningless. Focus at the task on hand.' Renamon thought to herself as she was trying to focus on the fact that they are wanted Digimon.

"I know that I am not your boss, but you have nothing to fear. We will keep you two safe." Ash said to the two of them which caused the

other human to speak as well.

"What am I getting myself into this time?" He said while getting up from the bench he was sitting on. The Digimon liked what they were hearing from the two humans that they befriended. "I don't know what trouble you're in, but I'll help you out too." He added to his first statement.

"Oh, thank you, boss. I'll never ask for another thing except food...I'm starving." Agumon said as he trotted over to his partner, but stopped when his stomach gurgled.

"Well, suck it up, and act like a real man." Marcus retorted as he was trying to be a stern boss.

"But, boss, I'm a growing boy!" Agumon shouted out at a level that was not very good.

"Keep it down. Someone's going to hear you." Marcus said back with an outstretched hand.

"But I've haven't eaten in so long." Agumon responded as the dizziness from hunger was now affecting his balance causing him to bite the closest thing to him.

"Hey, back off!" Marcus shouted out while punching the top of the dinosaur's head with his free fist. This caused the hungry Agumon to release his snack, and concentrate on the bump on his noggin.

"Ouch! Oooch! Eeech!" Agumon shouted as he tried to rub the bump.

"Hey! What's the idea of trying to eat me!" Marcus shouted back in anger.

"Sorry, but boss, I have to admit that you look pretty yummy sometimes." Agumon replied back in an honest tone. The canine had to admit that her partner was the same, but that thought was quickly shaken away since she didn't have time for that.

"Okay. We'll try to find you some food, but from now on I'm off the menu. Wait here. Come on, Ash." Marcus said as he and Ash made their way to the elevator.

"Thanks, boss. Thanks a lot." Agumon shouted with joy in his voice since he was about to eat. A thought clicked in Ash's head, and he decided to say something about it.

"Listen, I think it's best for you and Agumon stay put, and for no one to see you two." He said to the fluffy one.

"I understand." She replied back in a monotone voice.

"Right, I'll stay here too." Agumon said to his employer who accepted that, and continued on his way to the elevator. The two walked to the closest store, and looked around. While Marcus had no idea what to get for Agumon, Ash had a gut feeling that Renamon would like what he picked out...at least he hoped so.

"I hope Renamon likes this stuff..." Ash thought after paying and was

waiting outside for his friend while looking at the box lunch and energy drink in the bag. His friend basically took one or two of everything, and hoped for the best.

"Hm, I wonder if Agumon eats any of this stuff." Marcus thought as the cashier was ringing everything up. As he did a familiar voice calls out.

"And, uh add this too please." A female voice said after putting her item with his stuff. Marcus saw this and glared at her warily, but she was unfazed by him staring. "Is that okay, Marcus Damon?" She asked, and after that the three left, Ash accompanied them since he knew it involved the creatures they rescued, sat in front of a water fountain.

"Yum, I love chocolate pudding it makes me feel like a little kid again." Yoshi said after taking a small bite of the pudding she made him purchase.

"You owe me a buck." Marcus told her while still glaring at her.

"Hmm, tell you what - I'll pay you back if you tell me where Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 are." She answered back while glancing at the two responsible for the disappearance of the two creatures.

"I'm afraid we don't know what you're talking about. Neither of us have heard of a Raptor-1 or Vulpin-1." Ash calmly said since he was trying to resolve this situation peacefully.

"And even if we did there's no way we'd tell you." Marcus added with a confident smile since he assumed she had given up, but she didn't.

"I see. Sorry to hear that because now you two will have to come with me for witness interrogation, Mr. Damon...Mr. Ketchum." She said back to them, and it was then the two became interested since they didn't tell her their names.

"Hey, how do you know our names anyway." Marcus questioned with his interest peaked.

"I know everything about you two. Ash Ketchum - Born May 1 in Tokyo, blood type A, Otori Middle School eight grade. Your father disappeared ten years ago, so you moved in with Marcus' family, and has been labeled as a Silverbolt based young man."

'She's good.' Ash thought to himself after hearing all of that.

"Marcus Damon, Born April 2 in Tokyo, blood type B, Otori Middle School eight grade. Your father disappeared ten years ago as well, and now you live with your mother - Sarah, and your little sister - Kristy who looks up to you even though you generally act like a jerk. Do I paint a accurate picture?" She said to the other male, and questioned him to see if her facts were right.

"Who are you?" Marcus asked her with curiosity in his voice, and even though there was a part of him not liking how much info this woman had on them he was still interested to know more about her.

"I'm Special Agent - Yoshino Fujieda. I'm with the Digimon Data Squad." She informed them and then showed off her badge. The two looked at the item, but now they were even more confused.

"What do you do?" They said at the same time since admittedly the job did sound kind of cool, but they needed more info.

"Our job is to control creatures known as Digimon who come from a place called the Digital World, and we protect the public from them." She informed the two young boys next to her.

"That sounds like a very exciting job, but what does that have to do with us?" Ash asked since the two, in his opinion, weren't evil in any way, shape, or form, so there shouldn't be a problem.

"Those Digimon you two are hiding: I need to get them. Do you have any idea what kind of panic it would cause if the public found out about Digimon? Now where are they?" Yoshi said to them, and they heard a edge in her voice with the last part, so they knew she meant business.

"Maybe they went back to the Digital World?" Marcus stated before Ash could speak.

"Or maybe you're hiding them from me?" Yoshi countered back since she knew that no Digimon could do that. "Anyway, Digimon don't eat this stuff?" She informed them while getting into a pose, and pointing at the two bags they had.

"Special Digimon food? Where's that?" Marcus asked since he was a little mad that he blew all that money for nothing.

"You can't buy it at the store. You can only get it at our headquarters. If you don't return Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1: they'll starve to death." She explained to the pair. Neither of them liked the sound of that one bit.

"Okay. You win. I guess you have to show us where you work so we can do a little grocery shopping." Marcus informed her while pulling a sandwich out of his bag - ready to eat too since he was hungry.

"Thank you." She said back, and guided them to her vehicle. On the way there Ash was hoping that if he spoke for them then perhaps they would stop hunting Agumon and Renamon, but he doubted that.

"Look at this place." Ash stated after following Yoshi into a room in a skyscraper that held a lot of high tech stuff.

"Fujieda reporting back." She said while saluting to a tall man behind a desk.

"So, you're Marcus Damon and Ash Ketchum?" The tall man said to the two young boys on his left. They glanced at him, so he added. "My name is Commander Sampson. The DATS team welcomes you." The acronym threw them for a loop.

"DATS?" Marcus asked since the girl said that they were the Digimon Data Squad, so they were a bit lost. The two looked around and saw

that there were chess pieces, two more women, and a turtle in the room, but nothing else.

"Interesting that this is the young boy who fought Raptor-1 since there's nothing about him indicating that he's able to fight at that level." A strange white creature around Sampson's neck said which caused the two boys to look at him.

"Hey, what's with the talking scarf?" Marcus asked which caused the creature in question to get annoyed, but a gentle finger rubbing his head quelled his temper.

"This is Kudamon. He's my Digimon partner." Commander Sampson said to the two of them which got the boy's interest again.

"Each human member of DATS is teamed up with their own Digimon partner. This is mine - Lalamon." Yoshi informed them while holding the pink and green creature from earlier in her arms.

"What? Partners?" Marcus asked before seeing a black chess piece helping a woman with long purple hair, and a white chess piece helping a woman with short blonde hair, then there was a turtle handing out tea.

"That's right. Here at DATS tamed Digimon and their human partners work together to handle Digimon crimes." Yoshi informed them as the turtle gave Marcus and Ash their own cup of tea.

"Enjoy." The turtle said walking away.

"Thank you." Ash said as he took the cup, then took a sip. 'I wonder if I become one of them - will they let Renamon be my partner.' Ash thought since this job seemed right up his alley.

"I'm not thirsty." Marcus said to the turtle as he walked off.

"Suit yourself." The turtle replied back.

"I've had enough of this nonsense. We have guys waiting for us, so let's get on with it. Just say what you got to say, and stop wasting my time." Marcus informed Commander Sampson.

"Calm down. Don't get angry. Whether or not Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 are saved is up to you." Sampson said to them, and once he saw he had their attention he explained what he meant. "WE are currently in the midst of an unprecedented crisis. The wall between the Human World and the Digital World is starting to collapse. The reason is unknown, but the fact is that Digimon are appearing more frequently in the Human World than ever before." After that another carried on where he left off.

"Our primary objective is to maintain peace and harmony between the Human World and the Digital World therefore renegades like Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 must be kept under control." Kudamon informed both of them.

"Because: Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 have already entered the Human World and made contact with human beings. So, they are no longer allowed to go free." Kudamon explained to them.

"Please cooperate. The future relationship between humans and Digimon depends on you returning Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1." Sampson stated, and he was hoping they would comply with his request now that they explained the situation.

"Normally I would follow a officer's orders to the letter, but not this time." Ash told him as he set his empty cup on the console.

"Why not?" Commander Sampson questioned me. Marcus decided to let him do the explaining.

"Why not?! We don't owe you people a single thing." Marcus stated for his friend and got an annoyed groan from Sampson as a response. "I don't know about all this 'the future depends on us stuff' but we know that Agumon and Renamon depend on us, and no one has mentioned what they need." Marcus added to his first comment.

"He's right. I mean, have you ever thought about why they came to our world in the first place? What if they didn't have a choice? Maybe things were bad for them back in the Digital World." Ash added, and after a moment he also said, "Either way - we need to hear more before turning them over to you." Marcus liked that, and decided to add an honorable statement of his own.

"And if they get into any sort of trouble we'll take full responsibility for their actions, but only if you give us some food." Marcus stated to Commander Sampson with an outstretched hand. As if on cue the alarms went off just like before.

"Commander, Digimon detected in area D-59. A hamburger stand has been attacked by an unknown creature." The woman with long purple hair informed them and brought up an image of a burning building.

"That could be Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1." Yoshi explained while speaking about the only Digimon she knew of.

'Agumon possibly, but I don't think Renamon would.' Ash thought since the fox could probably go a good while without food, so that just left Agumon.

"Hold it! Didn't you say that Digimon only eat special food. What would Agumon and Renamon attack a hamburger stand for?" Marcus stated to the lady responsible for dragging them away from their friends.

"You didn't give them anything to eat. Did you?" She stated to the two behind her.

"Nothing. Which means if it is them then they are attacking out of hunger." Ash informed them, but the others didn't see it that way.

"Do you now see that hiding them has created a security breach for all of us." Kudamon said to the two who could understand his concern, but something doesn't sit well with them.

"Thank you for the tea, but I better follow him." Ash said to Commander Sampson before following his brother.

"Marcus, Ash, wait." Yoshi stated as she watched the two flee the building.

"Yoshino, go after them." Commander Sampson stated to her.

"Yes, sir." She answered back before chasing after them.

"Seal off the area, and assess damage control. Emergency level 5." Sampson informed the two assistants.

"Sir, yes, sir." They said to him, and went to work. The two were able to make to the tower with little difficulty, and went straight to looking for them.

"So, this is where you were hiding Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1? A lot of good it did since we confirmed that it was them who attacked the hamburger stand." Yoshi said as she stood behind both of them.

"Quiet!" Marcus shouted at her. Ash recalled the request he gave to them.

"It's my fault. I should have stayed to make sure nothing happened while Marcus got the food." Ash admitted to Yoshi. An explosion was heard and seen below them.

"Yoshi, the Digimon is in area 205. You better get there fast." Her Digimon partner said through her ear piece.

"Got it. Ash, Marcus look, this is dangerous, so you wait here." She informed them, but saw they were already heading for the elevator.

"Sorry Yoshi, but if those really are our friends then we should be the ones to face them." Ash said as the two of them beat her to the elevator.

"Oh no this is the worst." Yoshi said and was worried about their safety.

"What are you doing? Agumon/Renamon! Agumon/Renamon!" The two shouted after getting out of the tower and were standing in front of the blaze. In an instant something appeared behind them.

"You called, Ash?" Renamon said after appearing behind them which freaked Ash out.

"There she is, but where's..." Marcus stated as they heard a familiar voice.

"Boss, help!" The voice shouted causing the three to turn and face a yellow lizard with a trashcan for a head.

"Agumon?" Marcus asked as he looked at the creature.

"Boss, where are you? Keep talking so I can find you." Agumon said back, and by then the others knew that it was him. Marcus rushed over and pulled the trash bin off of Agumon's face.

"Why did you attack the hamburger stand?" Marcus asked as he believed

that trashcan came from the hamburger stand.

"Huh? I didn't attack anything, but a hamburger sure sounds good." Agumon replied back since his stomach was still running on fumes. The other two could tell that he was telling the truth which only confused even more.

"Then what's that?" Ash asked as he looked at the smoke behind him. In the tower Yoshi had to use the stairs, but she could see through the smoke that something was wrong.

"Hurry, Yoshi, the Digimon signal is to the southeast." Lalamon informed her as she came to a stop to look into the smoke.

"That's not Raptor-1 or Vulpin-1." She said since the figure in the smoke wasn't a fox or dinosaur. A large angry white chicken came out of the smoke cawing.

"The data signature...it's Kokatorimon." The one with long purple hair informed the others.

"A champion level bird Digimon." Kudamon informed the others.

"So, that's what attacked the hamburger stand. He must be stopped." Commander Sampson stated and couldn't believe he that assumed Agumon and Renamon did it. On the battlefield the bird kicked a car into the tower which cut Yoshi's way down off.

"Ash, what is that creature?" Renamon asked while looking at the beast in front of them. Ash knew the two deserved a honest answer.

"I'm honestly not sure, but I do know that because of him you and Agumon were accused of doing something you didn't do by DATS." Ash stated which caused the two to simply think 'what'

"Let's go guys." Marcus said to the two of them, and with that the three charged towards their opponent. The bird saw them coming, and decided to leave, but the human grabbed the foot, and started climbing.

"Pepper Breath/Diamond Storm." The two on the ground shouted as they shot projectiles from their mouth and hands. Kokatorimon shot a Medusa-like attack, but they were able to dodge, and continue with their attacks.

"Why are Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 attacking Kokatorimon?" Commander Sampson asked as he watched footage of the fight, but couldn't understand what he was seeing.

"They haven't been tamed. I don't understand why they are fighting alongside human beings." Kudamon stated since he was just as confused as his partner. Back at the battlefield the human decided to climb up to get in a better position to attack.

"No!" Marcus shouted out in alarm as Kokatorimon's feet land on their partners.

"Guys, we're fine, but could you lend a hand." Agumon asked since he and Renamon were trying not to get crushed.

"How about I lend a couple of fists." Marcus said as he stood on Kokatorimon's back - ready to pummel, but the two stalled that by pushing the foot off of them.

"Get off of him! That thing will tear you to pieces!" Yoshi shouted out to Marcus who is standing on the bird's neck. He could hear her plea, but knew that this fight was more important than his safety.

"What about what I'll do to him." Marcus said and it was then that he landed a few blows causing Kokatorimon to notice their presence. "Besides the ultimate fighter is always to make the ultimate sacrifice." He commented as he started to pound on Kokatorimon.

"You've got him now, boss." Agumon commented as he watched the human bravely punch the beast. The two Rookies became worried when Kokatorimon's tail feathers lit up, and for good reason as Kokatorimon fired a strong beam from his mouth, swaying his head from left to right.

"Watch out!" Yoshi called out as the beam was fired which was pointless as both Renamon and Agumon were hit.

"Agumon/Renamon." Marcus said as he and Ash rushed over to their respective partners. The two tried to wake them up by gently shaking them, but there was no response.

"Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 are silent." The purple haired woman commented to the others, none of them cheered or smiled about the news in any way. Back on the battlefield neither Ash or Marcus liked losing their new friends this early.

"Agumon/Renamon." The two said as they leaned over their partners. They knew it was avenging time because neither of them felt air coming out of their Digital Monster's friend's noses.

"It's...it's FIGHTING TIME!" Marcus shouted as he turned to face Kokatorimon. He used a zig-zag formation to avoid being hit by the beam, and then tried sandwich punching his face.

"My fist." Marcus stated as he landed and took a few steps back from his opponent. Marcus saw that his fist was covered in orange energy, and that Ash's fist was covered in crimson energy.

"Hey." A new voice said, and the two saw a fisherman standing in the smoke. "Heads up." He said tossing a device to Marcus, and added, "And one for you too." After saying that he threw a device to Ash as well.

"What on earth is this contraption?" Ash asked as he looked at the strange yellow device, Marcus was just as confused as his old friend.

"A Digivice. Use it in combination with your DNA which is triggered by your fist. By mastering this technique your Digimon can Digivolve." The man explained to Ash and Marcus.

"Who are you? What are you talking about?" Marcus demanded as he

often obeyed his mom's 'don't take anything from strangers' rule as best as he could.

"Use your heart and your fists to awaken Agumon and Renamon." The man informed the two while disregarding both of Marcus' questions. The two looked at the strange device in their hands, and neither of them had faith that the device will do what the old man said it would do, but it was their best bet.

"DNA Charge!" The two of them said as they put their glowing hands on the device which got the attention of everyone at DATS.

"Agumon's and Renamon's charge has hit their limit. They've reached their ultimate charge." The blonde worker explained to Commander Sampson while checking out the power readings.

"But how? Could it be..." Commander Sampson stated as if having an inkling, but decided not to jink it. Back on the battlefield the two decided to put that energy to good use.

"Agumon digivolve to..." The dinosaur called as he felt his power surge, and after the transformation was complete he added, "GeoGreymon!" The light faded revealing a rather large dinosaur in front of them.

"Renamon digivolve to..." The vulpine called out as the energy entered her body causing her to transform as well. "Kyubimon!" The canine called out even though she was a lot larger than a conventional Kyubimon.

"They've transformed." The two boys, who were now only ankle biters compared to them, said as they gazed in awe at what had happened to them. Kokatorimon fired his beam again, but this time neither opponent felt it.

"Mega Flame!" GeoGreymon shouted out and released a stream of fire.

"Fox Tail Inferno!" Kyubimon shot nine small fire balls that merged with the Mega Flame making it stronger. When the combo attack struck the enemy was transformed into an...egg.

"That will teach ya: don't mess with my employee." Marcus said, chuckling.

"Or my friend." Ash added, also chuckling. The two of them looked up at their partners, but saw nothing there. The sound of grumbling caused them to look down and see that Renamon and Agumon were back to normal.

"Oh, boss. I'm hungry." Agumon said to Marcus which didn't surprise him at all.

"What else is new? I'm just glad you're safe." Marcus stated as he looked at his employee.

"Same here, Renamon." Ash said to her.

"Thanks." Agumon replied back while Renamon nodded at Ash. Back at the base they made sure the enemy Champion has been

defeated.

"Kokatorimon is gone. It turned back into a Digi-Egg." The blonde haired woman exclaimed.

"They did it!" The purple haired woman praised the two teens who brought Kokatorimon down.

"Get Yoshino back here, right now." Sampson ordered as he took his seat, and began to think of what just went down a few moments ago.

"What are you thinking, Sampson? Is it about those boys?" Kudamon asked his old friend even though he already knew the answer.

"Anyone who can tame a Digimon, unlock their DNA, and make them digivolve that quickly is someone I want on my team." Sampson explained even though he knew his partner knew that this is what he was going to say. It was dawn when the flames died down on their own, and Yoshi picked up the egg.

"Please boss, I can't hold on much longer. I need something to eat." Agumon commented to his partner since his stomach really was running on fumes.

"Okay, Okay. How about a nice hamburger." Marcus offered.

"Ooh, with cheese too?" Agumon answered back, but Marcus became distracted as he recalled the man who tossed him his Digivice.

"I bought you a box lunch, Renamon. If you are interested." Ash stated to her while rubbing the back of his neck out of embarrassment.

"You did not need to...but thank you." Renamon answered back.

"Just a friendly offer." Ash said with a smile.

"Earth to boss." Agumon said to Marcus once he became quiet all of a sudden.

"Yeah, sure, the works." Marcus replied back causing Agumon to happily yell. The four decided to hang out somewhere else, but as soon as they took a few steps a voice stopped them.

"Hey, wait up, a minute." Yoshi told the four who stopped the creature she was holding which they did. "Before, another Digimon might have attacked that hamburger stand, but Agumon and Renamon still injured sixteen men. That proves they're a danger to humans. I still have to take them back to DATS." She explained to the two humans, and it was then they decided to come clean about that.

"Sorry that was my fault." Marcus told her causing the young woman to gasp in alarm. "Those were some punks claiming to be ultimate fighters who wanted to train in my area, so I fought them for it, and guess what - I won." He said which earned him some praise from his employee.

"It will take a lot more to bring you down, right boss?" Agumon asked

even though he already knew the answer.

"That's right." Marcus said back.

"Marcus is the worst." Yoshi stated with her fingers on her temple since this was giving her a headache.

"I ought arrest you right now." Yoshi said and with that Marcus and Agumon fled on foot while Renamon picked Ash up and leaped away.

2. Marcus and Ash's Inner Strength

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Chapter 2

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Despite trying to escape from Yoshi and Lalamon, Marcus and Agumon were eventually caught while Ash and Renamon went with them willingly. Lalamon put restrains on Raptor-1, but was too scared to put the collar on Renamon. "Do not worry, Lalamon. Renamon and I will be fine." Ash said to the frightened Lalamon which caused her to put the leash on Agumon instead.

'How are these two even friends.' Yoshi thought as she looked at Ash through the rear-view mirror, and heard the kind words he said to her Digimon partner. The ride was annoying with Marcus's comments, but they eventually made it to DATS HQ.

"Give it a rest, will you. Let go." Marcus shouted as he was being dragged by Yoshi with Lalamon walking Agumon in by a leash, the other two calmly followed behind them. They all gathered around Commander Sampson who stood up, and was ready to speak to them. "I said: Let Go!" Marcus shouted while pulling his arm free.

"Commander. As you ordered, I have captured the criminals Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 along with their accomplices - Marcus Damon and Ash Ketchum." Yoshi said to her commanding officer.

"Come on, you know that Agumon and Renamon didn't destroy that hamburger stand. So stop treating like they are criminals." Marcus said as he did not like this one bit.

"That's not what it's all about." Yoshi said back as she pushed Marcus away from her boss. That comment interested both him and Ash, and they wondered what else there could be.

"Well, what's the problem this time?" Ash calmly asked since he wanted to prove that even if convicted there are some people who could keep their cool.

"There are other crimes, you know. If a Digimon even comes to this world it's a crime, and interacting with humans is strictly forbidden." Yoshi explained to Ash and Marcus which still didn't make

sense to the two accomplices.

"Are you kidding me?" Marcus said before adding and pointing a finger, "You guys all work side by side with Digimon?" He was getting annoyed by this pointless discussion.

"If a police car breaks the speed limit to catch a criminal the police officer isn't a criminal too, is he?" Lalamon said to Marcus and Ash.

"You do have a point." Marcus/Ash said at the same time since they could remember at one point or another asking their mothers why the good guys were never questioned for killing criminals, so they assume what Lalamon said was true.

"Hey, boss, I thought you were on my side." Agumon said to his human partner since he thought his partner would put up more of a fight for his freedom. Renamon simply slapped the back of Ash's head with her tail to show that she was miffed.

"Tell them what will happen to Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1, Commander Sampson." Kudamon stated while looking at Ash and Marcus.

"All Digimon who break the Real World law will be returned to their Digi-Egg form. After that they will be transported back to the Digital World where they belong." Commander Sampson explained and then saw something. "Why isn't Vulpin-1 wearing the leash Raptor-1 is?" He asked them since they knew that it was regulation to wear such a thing.

"I know it's regulation sir, but please forgive because she..." Lalamon said but stopped to hear Renamon snarl, so she hid behind Yoshi and added, "She scares the pollen out of my petunias." Renamon glared at her one more time before calming down.

'Fool, like I would be caught dead in that pet device.' The logical side of Renamon's mind thought.

'Unless it was Ash holding the other end.' A darker side, that felt a connection to the human, thought back, and even gave a message to what it meant. A quick shake of the head caused her to enter the present where she saw a white chess piece walk in with a egg.

"Is that..." Ash said but he stopped to recall their earlier opponent disappearing and an egg appearing in its place. They all watch the chess piece place the egg in a glass tube and walked away.

"Coordinates are entered and locked." The blonde haired one said after a few key strokes.

"Transmission coolers are on." The violet haired one commented back. "Bionic condenser standing by." She stated while checking her monitor.

"Digital harmonizer is aligning. Security code recognized." The one on the right said as she looked at her computer screen.

"3...2...1." The one on the left said as she counted the numbers on the screen.

"Begin transport." Commander Sampson said to the two.

"Initiating." The two said before doing the last part of their job. In a blinding flash of light and the egg was gone.

"Transport complete." The blonde haired woman explained even though everyone else could see that much. Since he saw the look of awe on the four's faces, he decided to enlighten them.

"What you have just seen is the Digimon you just defeated being sent back to the Digital World." Commander Sampson said as the humans saw the unknown turtle walk past them with a steaming tea kettle.

"Now it's time for Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 to go back." Kudamon said causing both boys to become shocked at what they just heard. As Renamon was accepting her sentence with dignity Agumon was hooting and hollering.

"I'm afraid that we can not let this happen, Commander Sampson." Ash explained as Marcus tried to pry the white creature off of his employee, then he kicked the pot off of the turtle's hands and when it landed - created a smokescreen.

"Come on, Agumon. We gotta go." Marcus said to his partner.

"It's about time, boss." Agumon said as he ran alongside his friend. Ash and Renamon followed after them, but Yoshi did the same and tailed all four of them. When they left Commander Sampson spotted two objects on the ground.

"Those are Digivices?" Commander Sampson pointed out before picking up the orange and yellow devices. Neither of them have seen either color being carried by any of their agents, so that left only two options.

"Ash and Marcus must have dropped them when they fled, but how is it possible that either of them were able to obtain one." Kudamon asked since he knew his partner didn't do the deed.

"Those kids: Full of surprises." Commander Sampson said since he knew who gave them the devices, and had a gut feeling that his old friend had a plan. As for the four in question: They were able to ditch their pursuers.

"Well, nobody spotted us, but now we're stuck here." Marcus said as he opened one of the doors and took a quick look around to make sure there were no humans around.

"Why don't we walk out the front door, boss?" Agumon asked while walking up next to him before being pushed back inside.

"Are you trying to get us caught?" He asked while trying to keep his employee away from the door which Ash closed for him. "Quiet. There. Perfect." He instructed when he saw a huge cardboard box.

"I wonder if you should try and fit into that as well, Renamon?" Ash asked as he spotted the item in question. Renamon saw what they were looking at and decided to make one thing clear.

"Such things are not needed for my species of Digimon." She started to say before vanishing. "We're pretty good at blending into the shadows." She added then she reappeared behind Ash causing him to yelp in alarm which she enjoyed.

"Whatever. Let's just get going." Marcus said as he put the box over his partner, and was walking him along with Ash and Renamon right behind him. Eventually they were able to get into town with no one seeing them.

"Let's go." Marcus said as they crossed another lax intersection. Ash was wondering why this did not look strange: A walking cardboard box.

"Good idea, boss. No one will think there's anything suspicious about a walking cardboard box." Agumon said as he looked through the peep holes as they continued to walk forward.

"Shh." Marcus instructed as a biker went past them. Ash then took a moment to look for his partner, and when he saw the stunning blue eyes he knew that Renamon was still with them. "Just be quiet, okay?" He requested as they took a left turn.

"I'm trying, but my stomach won't." Agumon said back as he walked along beside him. Eventually the group got to their destination, and unshackled their friends. The four then went to Marcus's room. and watched their Digimon partners eat.

"If this is junk food I'm happy to be a garbage dump." Agumon said as he wolfed down some snacks that he picked up on their way there, but Ash still had his boxed lunch and energy drink.

"They can only eat special Digimon food, huh? This guy will eat anything." Marcus said as he watched Agumon eat. "And her..." He watched his brothers 'friend.'

"Thank you for the food, Ash." Renamon said as she slowly, and calmly ate the boxed lunch. She was about to open the energy drink, but stopped when she heard someone coming up the stairs.

"Ash, Marcus, are you two home?" A female voice called out which got the two's attention. Both feared what she would do if she saw Agumon and Renamon, so there was only one option - PANIC.

"I'm sorry Renamon, but you're going to have to hide in Marcus's closet." Ash said as guided her in, and let her take her seat. Marcus on the other hand just grabbed Agumon and shoved him in with her.

"And this time be quiet." Ash instructed before closing the doors. By this time a stunning woman with the same hair color as Marcus while wearing a simple purple/white outfit came in.

"Hi." She said to the two of them. As Ash tried to keep a straight face Marcus was showing all the signs of hiding something.

"Hi, mom, what's going on?" Marcus asked her in a confident tone, but knew that it still showed his fear.

"Well, you're busted. That's what's going on. Fess up, while you two

were out getting into trouble I stayed up all night worried sick. Now, where were you two?" She asked. If they're was one thing they hated - it was making their families worry, but they knew that she would be more worried if she heard the truth, so they were stuck on what to do.

"What trouble? I don't even know the meaning of the word." Marcus said while trying to keep a straight face. Inside the closet Agumon was trying to free himself from Renamon's grip as she whispered, 'stay still, be quiet.' and other words along that line.

"You really ought to buy both of us a dictionary." Ash stated as the two began to laugh at their own cover story. The female human on the other hand simply edged in close, and glared at them which they felt and looked back at her.

"Marcus - you're standing on a candy bar. Ash - you're standing in an empty boxed lunch." She informed them causing both of them to look and raise the foot in question.

"Now, where did that come from?" Marcus asked as he looked at the bar under his foot.

"Hmm, maybe from that pile of food on the floor." The mother informed them as she looked at the heap of empty calories in the center of the room. The others started to sweat, but Marcus knew what to say.

"Don't worry, mom. I'll clean it up. Well, we better get started, so see ya." Marcus said as he gently showed his mother the door, and shut it behind her.

"Let go!" Agumon shouted at Renamon who did after she noticed that the third human was no longer in the room. "Aah! Why do you keep shoving me into small places?" Agumon shouted while looking up at his employer.

"Because if anyone finds you they'll take you away and send you back to the Digital World." Marcus explained to Agumon. He finally understood that if he went home he wouldn't get to hang out with such an amazing human - his boss.

"Well, I don't want that." Agumon answered back while tilting his head a little to the side.

"And I know you don't that either, Renamon, so the two of you need to trust us. We need to keep you hidden at all times." Ash explained before adding, "Even though you can handle that pretty well by yourself." She did like the compliment, but said nothing.

"Right." Agumon commented while nodding his head.

"Listen..." Marcus started to say before he saw the doorknob was moving.

"Marcus, Ash." The human female said through the other side of the door. This caused Ash and Marcus to panic and stuff them behind the curtain. "I heard talking. Is someone else in there besides you two?" She asked after finally getting the door open.

"No, don't be silly, mom. You're just imaging things." Marcus said while blocking her view of the window since he knew that the Digimon's yellow tails were showing.

"Move to the stone deck." Ash whispered to the two before going to back Marcus up with a cover story. However by the time he got there she was already telling the two of the agreement that they made.

"I hope you two didn't forget the promise we made. We said until your fathers get back, the four of us will tell each other everything. No secrets." Marcus' mother explained which caught the attention of both Digimon.

"There's four?" Agumon said as he laid on his belly while Renamon was sitting on the railing, and that was when they saw the fourth human - a little girl, who had just dropped a watering can.

"Roof." Renamon instructed and felt like a novice - allowing a young girl to spot her. As the two fled upward the little girl ran into her brother's room, and held onto her mother out of fear.

"What's the matter Kristy?" The mother asked since she wanted to know what scared her daughter so much.

"There's a giant lizard out there." The young girl explained even though she did see Renamon: it was Agumon that scared her even more since she knew a canine would never harm a human.

"A what?" The mother asked back before going to take a look for herself. Ash and Marcus tried to stop her, but the older woman was already at the sliding door. "But there's nothing out here." She said to her daughter and saw nothing out of place except for the watering can lying on the ground.

"I'm telling you I saw it." Kristy shouted back since she knew that she was not crazy. As Agumon struggled to get to the top Renamon simply jumped, but once Agumon got there he came face to face with a neighborhood cat.

"UMA." The mom said after hearing her daughter's argument that there really was something out there. The acronym didn't make sense to them, so she explained. "Unidentified Mysterious Animal like Big Foot or the Loch Ness Monster. Where did I put my video camera?" She asked a question on the last part since she knew that another oddity would rake in the bucks, but her train of thought was stopped by some rustling on the roof.

"I bet it's that lizard." Kristy said and made a break for the sliding door.

"If there's something up there it might be too dangerous, so Marcus and I will go." Ash told Kristy before grabbing the edge of the roof and pulling himself up and Marcus did that as well. The two saw that Agumon got into a fight with the cat and Renamon tried to stop it, but the three tumbled off the roof and slammed down to the ground.

'This wasn't so bad.' Agumon thought as he landed on the ground - back first. 'That hurt.' He thought as his boss landed on him. Ash was right behind Marcus, but to protect his partner Ash instinctively

held Renamon in his arms.

'I could have landed safely on the ground just like that cat. I did not need Ash to catch me.' Renamon thought before she and the others slipped into unconsciousness with Renamon still enjoying Ash's hold on her.

"Are you okay?" She asked the four down below. The mother came out, looked down and saw the lizard along with a canine.

"You didn't mention the canine, honey?" The taller woman said to Kristy.

"The lizard scared me more." She explained and the two decided to help the four out, but as they were going down to help Yoshi was already on the scene.

"This is Yoshino. The targets have been acquired. Shall I proceed with erasing their memories?" She asked on the comm link in her ear. Several hours have passed and the two awoke to find themselves in their designated rooms.

"Agumon/Renamon?" The two said almost at the exact same time before looking around their rooms, but when neither of them saw anything yellow they left their rooms. Once inside the hallway the two looked at each other and tried to find their friends, but had no luck.

"Smells like your mom made supper?" Ash said after sniffing the air, Marcus took that as a sign to check the kitchen since Agumon couldn't control his stomach, and would probably make his own food. When the two got there they saw Agumon was eating, but with the others.

"More please?" Agumon asked as he sat at the table and gave the mother of the house his bowl.

"Coming up." She said in a sweet voice before dishing up another helping. Seeing this caused Marcus to collapse on the floor in panic, but the panic wore off quickly and he decided to deal with his employee.

"How can you sit here eating with all that's going on?" Marcus asked as his anger boiled over. Agumon took the bowl and casually answered.

"Thanks. Because if I eat standing up, I don't feel good." Agumon's comment may have been truthful, but that wasn't the answer Marcus was looking for.

"That isn't what I meant, you Digital Dimwit." Marcus shouted as he gave Agumon a two fist noogie. His actions were ruining another guests time with the meal, so she had to say something.

"Excuse me. You mind keeping it down. We're trying to enjoy a nice meal here." Yoshi explained as she was eating some of the Damon Family's food. "You know - this is the best corn dog I've ever had." She complimented the mother.

"Can you excuse us for a moment, mom?" Marcus said as he took Yoshi into the hall so they could talk in private. Ash remained behind

because he was curious about something.

"So you don't mind if they stick around." Ash asked as he glanced at Renamon at the end of the table, even though she would better using a private table, calmly eating her meal.

"Of course not. Agumon and Renamon do seem nice, and well behaved." The mother explained back and Kristy nodded happily, so with that settled Ash joined them at the end of the table.

"Just what do you think you're doing here?" Marcus asked once the two were alone.

"It's not my idea. I came here to bring you guys in, but then..." Yoshi explained and then went into detail about what Commander Sampson wanted.

"There's been a change of plans. We have decided not to erase the memories of Ash, Marcus, or the rest of the Damon Family." Commander Sampson explained which confused Yoshi. "But stay there and observe. Keep an eye on Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1, understand?" He said to her, and waited for her response.

"But commander..." She tried to reason with him, but he hung up before she could plead more.

"That was that. So, I guess we'll be seeing a lot of each other since I have to keep an eye on you." Yoshi explained.

"No way. You're not tagging along with me toots." Marcus said back in an annoyed tone since he hated having a babysitter hanging around him.

"I don't like it anymore than you do, but orders are orders." Yoshi explained to Marcus.

"Then I order you to get out." He shouted at her since she was starting to get on his last nerve.

"Sorry, I can't." She shouted back since he was getting on her last nerve as well. Throughout all the voice raising the five listened to the whole thing, but to try to silence them Kristy excused herself from the table, and...

"You two sound like a old married couple." She said while walking past them to watch TV. The two of them heard her, and decided to set the record straight.

"WE'RE NOT A COUPLE!" They shouted at her, and once they realized they said it at the same time, they blushed, and looked away from each other.

"Let's get back to eating." Marcus offered while gesturing to the kitchen, she nods in agreement and the two head to the table. After supper ended it was time for bed and Yoshi took Marcus' bed while he and Agumon slept in sleeping bags.

"So this is the Human World?" The visitor thought after appearing from a portal, and caused some problems. In the morning Ash and Marcus were getting ready for school.

"Where are you going, boss?" Agumon asked as Marcus seemed to be wearing something totally different than what he had on yesterday.

"School." He calmly answered.

"What is school, Ash?" Renamon asked as she walked down the stairs. Ash was about to answer her truthfully, was cut off by his 'brother.'

"A place where there are tons of people to fight." Marcus said back which made Agumon happy.

"Oh! Sounds like my kind of place. Let's go." Agumon said as he hopped down to the welcome mat.

"Yeah, that would be great." Marcus answered back since that really did sound like a good idea. His idea was dashed by their guest.

"Have you forgotten?" Yoshi said causing all of them to turn and face her. "If people see a Digimon walking around it will cause a huge panic." She explained, and that was then the boys realized she was right.

"Oh, that's right." Marcus replied back, and could see where she was coming from thanks to his fight with Kokatorimon. At that moment Agumon started to whine that he really, really wanted to go with Marcus.

"Fine, just be quiet." She instructed before taking out a couple of devices that Sampson gave her. "Here, use this." She said while giving Marcus his and tossing one to Ash.

"Our Digivices?" Ash asked as he looked at the device. "We thought we lost these." Ash said as he recalled digging through his pockets and even going so far as to take off his jeans and shake them for good measure, not knowing it made Renamon uncomfortable...doing that.

"You dropped them during your escape from DATS." Yoshi explained where they were, and why they didn't have them after the escape.

"Oh, well thank you. So, how do I use this anyway?" Marcus commented and asked since he didn't quite understand how the little device worked.

"You just point it at Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1 and press the button on the right." Yoshi instructed them while watching as they did as they were told. Once they did both of them watched as their Digimon partners were sent into the devices.

'That was an interesting feeling.' Renamon thought before looking through the small screen and then she looked up at a huge Ash Ketchum. This reaction was the complete opposite for Agumon.

"Boss, let me out of here!" Agumon shouted with his claws pressed against the screen.

"Agumon!" Marcus shouted in alarm when he saw the now tiny Agumon. Yoshi decided to fill them in on what happened.

"Digivices can convert Digimon into data and store them, and safety rule number 1 is - keep your Digimon stored." She informed of DATS' most important rule.

"Ash, Marcus, you're going to be late!" The mother shouted from the kitchen since she could still hear the boys voices in the house. With that the two said their goodbyes and headed to school. On their way to school they saw a familiar car driving alongside them.

"If you're going to follow us you could least give us a ride in your car?" Marcus asked Yoshi.

"Nope, and I'll keep following until you give us Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1." She replied back. Before another argument could begin Ash decided to try a passive solution.

"There has to be a compromise, right?" Ash asked her, and that caused her to think of one other thing.

"Well..." Yoshi started to say causing both of them to look at her with curious faces. "You could always join the Digimon Data Squad." She explained which caught them off guard. "Look it's simple - if you join DATS then there won't be a reason for us to chase after Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1. And the best part is I wouldn't have to babysit you guys anymore. So, what do you say?" She went into detail, and they all liked hearing that, but Marcus was still against it.

"Forget it. I want to lose you, not join you." Marcus said and ran when the sign told him to. They kept up the pace a bit until something caught Ash's eye.

"What's going on over there?" He asked as he saw police officers talking to people, and beginning a investigation.

"What's up? I thought you were in a hurry?" Yoshi asked when she saw the two standing in front of a different school than their profiles showed.

"This is my sister's school." Marcus told her before jogging into the yard with Ash right behind him, Yoshi followed them against her good judgement. "Kristy?" Marcus called out when he got closer to a large group of people.

"Huh? Guys, over here." Kristy said and motioned for both teens to come to where she was. "Look at that." She instructed once they made their way through the crowd.

"What happened to the animals." Ash asked as he and his 'brother' looked at the scorched cages.

"See that boy over there? When he came in to feed the chickens and rabbits this morning they were all gone. No one knows where they went." Kristy told the two, it was then that they heard the officer running the investigation blab that this had happened to a school in another town.

"I have to talk to you." Yoshi said as she grabbed a hold of Marcus's right wrist before they could learn more about the problem from the authorities.

"Where are we going?" He asked as Ash calmly walked behind them, and stopped at the side of a storage building.

"A Digimon is behind all this." She told them and after seeing the skeptical look they were giving her she went into detail. "Yeah. My Digivice is picking up a residual trace of its energy signature." She explained while showing the device to them.

"This place - school is even more impressive than you described, Ash." A voice said followed by another one.

"You can say that again." The three saw that it was their Digimon partners - Agumon behind Ash and Renamon was kneeling on the roof due to the narrow passage they were in.

"Hey, how did you two get out of the Digivices." Marcus shouted to Agumon in alarm. He pointed out he hated enclosed spaces while Ash could tell that Renamon didn't mind them one bit.

"Ugh! You two are a real piece of work. You should know there should be a rule about leaving your Digivices without permission." Yoshi said to the two and quickly added, "Wait it was you two that did this! I bet you're the ones who attacked those animal pens." This only confused and offended the good Digimon.

"It wasn't them." Lalamon started to say, and once she had her partner's attention she explained, "I watched him the whole night while you were sleeping, frankly I don't know how you slept with his snoring, but he didn't leave the room, and Ash and Renamon were sleeping in another room. Another Digimon must have done it." Hearing this excited Marcus and Agumon.

"HA! You thinking what I'm thinking, boss?" Agumon asked his boss.

"Yeah!" He shouted back with a joyful smile on his face.

"The Ultimate Team! It's fighting time again!" The two said at the same time which only embarrassed Ash and confused Yoshi. Kristy did her best to cheer her friend up which went over well, but her somewhat good day took a slight nosedive when her brother began to shout at her. "Kristy! Don't. Worry. We'll. Get. Whoever. Did. This." The group decided to go to school, and prepare a trap at night.

"What is it with you and these cramped spaces, boss?" Agumon asked as he found himself inside the animal pen while his partner was putting on an over complicated look on the door.

"There's a saying that a criminal always returns to the scene of the crime. When this guy finds out there's something new in these cages he won't be able to resist returning." Marcus informed Agumon the genius of his plan.

"Wow, you're the smartest guy here, boss." Agumon congratulated him with a big smile. It was then Renamon and Yoshi decided to give him

the bad news.

"You do realize he's using you as bait, don't you?" Yoshi told him while leaning on the cage, and when he gasped in alarm Renamon added a comment of her own.

"That's why you're in there and I'm out here." Renamon didn't want to be the bait, and had a gut feeling that Marcus knew she would beat him like a drum if he asked her to join Agumon.

"I take it all back!" Agumon shouted since he hated that idea even though his boss thought of it.

"Don't worry. I'll stop the bad guy before he even gets close to ya. Just trust me." Marcus promised Agumon that he had the Digimon's back.

"Yeah, well, I'll believe it when I see it." Yoshi said since she had her doubts about the plan. With nothing better to do the four hid where they talked earlier.

"I hate being cooped up. Locked up like a criminal. Or a chicken. Or a criminal chicken." Agumon complained as clouds covered the light from the moon, and with this darkness their opponent appeared and walked toward the cage, but the others only knew someone was there when the clouds moved away from the moon.

"Isn't that the kid who was supposed to feed the animals?" Yoshi said since she remembered what Kristy said earlier.

"My sister's friend." Marcus added while looking at the boy.

"He's seen Agumon." Lalamon points out. Ash decided to defuse the situation the best he could before things got rough.

"Excuse me, son." Ash said as he walked over to the kid while using a standard Captain America term. "Did you come to check the cages?" Ash asked after getting next to him. "I commend you for staying focused on your job, but I think you should go home. Your parents are probably worried about you." He stated, and prayed that would be enough to make the kid leave.

"Hey, didn't you hear him? Get out of here!" Marcus said since he could see that the kid wasn't moving even after all that Ash said which was unusual. The kid then told them to be quiet, and went on a tirade over his responsibility, and how he hated it.

'This human has served his purpose.' The creature thought after emerging from the kid's body: which frightened all of them except for Renamon.

"So, you're the one behind this." Marcus said as he held the kid who became unconscious after the separation. "You're gonna have to pay." He declared while glaring at the beast, but he was halted.

"Stay back! Leave this to the Digimon Data Squad." Yoshi told him while pulling out her Digivice. "Lalamon, Realize." She called out and just like that Lalamon appeared.

'Why am I suddenly thinking about that strange dream I had where I

walk around with small balls on my waist, and battle monsters.' Ash thought to himself as he watched the fight between a bug and a plant as the Rookie unleashed Seed Blast.

"Don't insult me." The insect roared before shooting some sort of thread from his mouth which caught Lalamon, and then slammed her to the ground. As Yoshi was tending to her partner the other two decided.

"Guys, wait. Boss, get me out of here first." Agumon said to the three who decided it was best to free him first.

"Come on. What was that stupid combination." Marcus asked while fiddling with the dials. Agumon asked him to hurry, but he wasn't listening.

"Lalamon, time to Digivolve." Yoshi said when she could her partner was semi-awake. She activated her glowing energy and said, "DNA Charge!" This caused the same thing to happen but only to a different Digimon.

"Lalamon Digivolve to..." The Rookie said as she transformed and ended with, "Sunflowmon." Once again Ash recalled running against a smaller version of Sunflowmon in his dreams. "Sunshine Beam!" She shouted out, and the attack hit its target.

"Aw, they had all the fun cause you're slow." Agumon commented while looking at the battle from his prison.

"Give me a break." Marcus said before realizing, "Renamon, you can break the lock with one punch." He pointed out, and she knew he wanted that, but she had a different idea.

"You bought the lock, so you should know its combination." Renamon stated which irked Marcus. At that moment the group heard a cracking noise coming from the battlefield, and it was then that they saw a large object in front of them.

"That's from another dream of mine: Cocoon of Evolution." Ash thought as he, like the others, watched it crack open.

"Oh no, it's beginning to Digivolve." Yoshi shouted out before a massive bug broke out of the cocoon. The bug flew over its opponents and used the dust on its wings to to cause them to become numb.

"Boss, I have to Digivolve first." Agumon pointed out to them even though Ash knew that Renamon could take on the bug in her current form.

"Marcus, Ash get out of here. It's too dangerous. Leave it to trained professionals like me. Go on - go." Yoshi begins to say, but she is cut off by a wolf's howl nearby, Ash and Marcus look around for the source, the two see a wolf in white armor waiting for a opportunity. The wolf waits for the bug to pass and when it does, the wolf leaped up and slammed it down to the ground.

"No, I'll never run away." Marcus shouted back at her which caused her to become silent. "A Ultimate Fighter never shows cowardice. No matter how difficult a fight might be I stand my ground. That's what

a winner does. Fighting time again!" Marcus said to her as he took off running towards the bug.

He gave the bug a left punch as he got that tingly feeling. At that moment Renamon broke the lock allowing Agumon to escape.

"Ready to fight Agumon?" Marcus asked his now free partner who nodded with a smile. "All right, then." He complimented before getting to work.

"DNA Charge." The two said and just like before they transformed.

"Agumon Digivolve to GeoGreymon." Agumon called out after going from Rookie to Champion.

"Renamon Digivolve to Kyubimon." Renamon called out after going from Rookie to Champion. The insect saw the three and decided to engage GeoGreymon who grabbed a hold of it with his claws.

'So, this is what was used on Sunflowmon and Yoshi.' GeoGreymon thought as he was starting to feel numb, so he tossed the bug away. Realizing he was being overpowered the bug tried to fly away but that didn't work.

"Fox Tail Inferno." Kyubimon called out.

"Mega Burst." GeoGreymon called out.

"Lupine Laser." The wolf called out, causing their attacks to combine, and force the bug back into Digi-Egg form. With the danger past the two de-digivolved.

"All right! You guys got him!" Marcus shouted to the three, but mostly Agumon. They nodded in acceptance that another Digimon was defeated before he could do serious damage.

"Who's the wolf, though?" Yoshi asked about the third creature. To everyone's surprise it changed back into a human.

"My name is Koji Minamoto, a member of DATS' Test Unit. That wolf was my Beast Spirit form, KendoGarurumon."

"So your fists of fury awaken your DNA, eh?" A voice called out as the heroes were enjoying their victory causing them to turn to a familiar face. "You're getting more interesting by the minute Marcus." The two decided to get a closer look at the guy.

"Hey, you're the old guy who gave us our Digivices." Marcus pointed out as he instantly placed his face.

"If you want to become the ultimate fighter who fights the ultimate battles then you're not going to find them in this world, but in the Digital World. There's an unlimited amount of opponents that will test your fighting skills, and make you the best fighter on both worlds." The elder informed him.

"What's he talking about?" Ash thought what he said while his 'brother' was sold on the idea.

"Then I'll be the ultimate." Marcus commented which earned him a nod from the elder. After parting with him and Koji, and helping Yoshi and Sunflowmon back to their feet the six decided to go to the Damon house for some rest. In the morning Yoshi took the egg to the base for proper disposal.

"Finally something has gone right in this debacle." Kudamon stated while adding, "It took all our resources to cover up the destruction from your battle." Yoshino heard this and got a little nervous.

"Don't forget that we captured the rogue Digimon and we erased that boy's memories of the incident. So, all's well that ends well." Yoshi tried to look at the bright side of this situation.

"Don't get cocky." Commander Sampson instructed and she obeyed the order. It was then Kudamon noticed something amiss.

"Wait. If you're here then who's keeping a eye on Raptor-1 and Vulpin-1?" Kudamon asked since he recall hiring a sub for this task.

"Oh...well...actually." Yoshi started to answer but the door opened revealing Ash, Renamon, Marcus, and Agumon which three of the four seemed nervous about something.

"What are you doing here? Speak up." Kudamon asked with his guard up in case this was a sneak attack like with the tea kettle the other day - only more devastating.

"Well, guess what? We're gonna do a favor and join DATS." Marcus explained and Agumon added some groveling to get his point across.

"What's this?" Kudamon shouted in alarm since he would have never seen this coming.

"If Marcus and I join the Digimon Data Squad then Agumon and Renamon get to stay, right?" Ash asked while looking Commander Sampson in the eyes.

"Very well." Commander Sampson answered back causing them to look at him with shocked or happy facial expressions "I knew it would happen. Frankly I'm surprised it took you this long to ask Marcus/Ash." Commander Sampson said before adding, "As for you Agumon and Renamon you no longer have to worry about being sent home." This made the four very happy.

"We did it, boss." Agumon said to his partner.

"Yeah, and just think of all the bad guys we get to beat up." Marcus said before giving his partner a friendly handshake. Ash simply placed his hand on Renamon's shoulder, and said...

"I'm glad we get to continue working together." She nodded because she liked it as well. The four did not know that another person was coming to work for DATS.

"Approaching final destination. We'll be landing shortly, sir." A blue canine said to a blonde haired boy as they cruised on a

plane.

"Thank you, Gaomon. After so long I'm coming home at last." The blonde haired boy gazed out a window on the plane.

3. The Return of Thomas feat Greg and Gary

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Chapter 3

The Return of Thomas Feat. Greg and Gary

'This is stupid.' Kristy thought as she saw her brother, Marcus and his Digimon partner, Agumon gorge themselves at the breakfast table. She looked at the other two: Ash and Renamon who were eating with a lot more restraint which caused the young girl to be embarrassed by her biological brother.

"Well, at least Marcus is awake before the crack of noon on Sunday." The mother of the house pointed out as she looked over her shoulder while in the kitchen to make more food for them. "I think Agumon has been a very good influence." She stated as she tried to look on the bright side of this whole thing.

"More please?!" The two shouted in unison which pleased the woman even more.

"See, he even says 'please' now." She stated before walking over to the table to serve them.

"As if that's a big challenge." Renamon thought before looking over at her partner who was silently enjoying the meal.

"Here, Agumon." She said before giving him another helping of rice. This angered Marcus.

"Huh? You served him first! What did you do: adopt him when I wasn't looking?" Marcus shouted at her in anger.

"Keep it up tough guy and I'll give your portion to him, too. Don't be in such a hurry. After all, Agumon is a growing boy." The mother said as she still tried to remain neutral.

"If he grows anymore we'll need a bigger house." Marcus stated before getting the last thing on the breakfast table, but was blocked by his own partner. "Let go of it!" Marcus shouted at his partner since he was determined to have the last bit of food.

"Boss, the only way you're going to get this last fried egg is to take it out of my belly." Agumon said and was about to eat it until..."Huh? Where did it go?" Agumon asked and started looking around but could not see it.

"Oh, boys." Renamon called out which caused them to face her. Without a second thought she tossed it to her partner on the other side of

the table. Ash caught it, and had something else in mind.

"To avoid a fight I will divide it up." Ash said to them before doing just that. Once he was done cutting he gave it to Agumon, Marcus, and Renamon. The two gluttons weren't happy with the result.

"I was hoping to eat it all." Agumon thought before eating his piece. Back with Ash he realized he left Kristy out.

"Here, take it. I'm full already." Ash said before giving Kristy his piece of the egg. She looked at him before smiling and accepting the offer, and this was one thing Renamon liked about her partner - he was always trying to be a nice guy. What they didn't know was their work family was about to get a little bigger.

"The temperature today is 63 degrees, Master Thomas. Somewhat warmer than back in Austria, don't you think?" An elderly man informed him. He got out of the shower, put on his robe, and walked down a corridor.

"Hey, Tom. What's up?" A new voice said. Its source was a young man in a green uniform, his name was Greg Logan, his brother Gary stands next to him along with their partners, Veemon and Tentomon.

'I wonder how the team is doing in my absence.' Thomas thought as he gazed out of one of the mansion's windows. Back at the Damon house Kristy heard a noise outside, so she went to investigate which led her to see a strange sight.

"What are you doing, Agumon?" She asked him. He was sitting in a bicycle, and was trying to do the strangest thing.

"Just trying to stuff myself in the front of this bicycle." Agumon answered her back as if it was the most obvious thing in the world.

"You might be a tad too big for that." Kristy explained to Agumon who was still trying to make his plan succeed.

'The boss said I couldn't follow him, but he didn't say anything about him following me.' Agumon thought before adjusting the bike the wrong way causing the still bike to fall over.

"Doof two." Kristy commented after seeing that plan's end result.

"I guess." Agumon said back to her as he began to rub his injured nose.

'He is a insult to our kind.' Renamon thought as she watched the whole thing from the roof of her temporary home.

'Not that you would object to doing the same if it meant Ash got a look at your hind quarters.' A small part of Renamon's emotions thought to her as she resisted the urge to blush at that image. As she did that Thomas was in his limo along with Greg and Gary - heading to his job.

"Farewell, Master Thomas." Three of the mansion's maids stated as they saw him off. As for Marcus, the bike was damaged, so he had to walk, and on top of that there was another matter to deal

with.

"Run, boss. This is good training for Ultimate Fighting." Agumon shouted as he played piggyback with Marcus.

"Why can't you travel in the Digivice like all the other Digimon?" Marcus shouted since he did wish his partner would keep a low profile like Sampson requested. Agumon heard this and decided to explain.

"Those other Digimon only show up when they're called, but you're lucky. You have me all the time, boss." Agumon stated before going back to enjoying the ride.

"Yeah, aren't I lucky." Marcus sarcastically commented while jogging with Agumon. Ash, who was behind the two, glanced at the buildings and saw Renamon leaping off of them.

'Mine isn't in her Digivice, but at the same time she knows how to stay hidden.' Ash thought before hearing a beeping coming from his pocket, Marcus' pocket beeped as well. The two grabbed what was making the beeping noise, and decided to do something about that.

"I'll just press everything." Marcus commented in a aggravated tone since neither boy knew how to answer the ear device just yet. This idea worked since another voice was heard coming from the device.

"Marcus, Ash, there are signs of Digimon near you." One of the desk workers said through the device which excited Marcus.

"Where is it? People might be in danger." Ash asked through his device to the other person on the line.

"Area C-7? Can you handle it?" The woman on the other end asked since she was unsure if the two were up to the task.

"Yeah, we're there." Marcus said through his device which Agumon had to add his two cents.

"Yeah." Agumon said and with that they hung up on her, and ran to the spot as they remembered which sector was which. Ash on the other hand thanked the desk worker for the tip, hung up, and followed him.

"I'm bored." A teen sitting in front of a convenience store said to two others.

"Nothing ever goes on around here anymore." Another teen sitting on the sidewalk said as he too was acting a bit sloth like.

"I agree." A new voice said which caught one teen's attention.

"Hey, pretty good. How did you throw your voice while drinking soda." The second one asked one wearing a hat who did not know what he was talking about.

"Huh? What are you talking about?" The hat wearing slacker asked, but before the other one could explain himself they all smelled something burning. They turned to see some trash burning without a

cause.

"Fire." The three said together and saw some small, blue eyed fire demon emerge from it.

"Way weird." The second friend said while getting to his feet.

"There's our target." Ash called out while pointing at the demon. The loafers saw two boys and two animals race past them and up to that smaller creature.

"Fighting time again!" Marcus shouted out as he saw the target.

"Oh, yeah." The small being questioned as he looked down at his foes. He shot fire at the humans who began dancing in place.

"Okay, our turn. Pepper Breath!" Agumon shouted as he prepared for his shot.

"Diamond Storm!" Renamon shouted after leaping into the air and shot off her attack after Agumon. The opponent dodged the shard storm, but accepted the fire ball.

"Hey, my attack didn't do anything." Agumon shouted after seeing that there wasn't a sign of damage anywhere on him. "Hey, boss, do that fist trick, the one that let's me Digivolve." He said once Marcus and Ash joined him.

"A DNA Charge? Consider it done." Marcus said as he went into a boxing pose and started throwing punches. After the first three Marcus realized a fatal flaw in the plan

"All of my punches missed. My fists go flying right through that thing." Marcus commented, and with that he continued the same tactic, but with the same result. "It's not solid enough to land a hit." Marcus surmised.

"I have to land a blow or Agumon can't Digivolve." Marcus stated while looking at the creature in front of them.

'Take this.' The creature thought after dodging another attack then shot a fireball at them.

"Stop setting things on fire. I just got these shoes." Marcus commented as he tried to stomp out the flame on his sneakers.

"Now be a nice little fireball, and let us punch you." Agumon said as he punched just like Marcus, but with the same result.

'Don't they realize that nothing can-.' The creature thought with confidence before the fourth voice said from above.

"Power Paw!" Renamon called out before leaping off the building's roof, and made contact with her fist. "I guess mystical flame can harm a real flame." Renamon stated which made the new arrival worry, and flee.

"After him, guys." Marcus called out before giving chase with the other three right behind him. As they were running the three slackers

watched everything, and were still confused.

"What were those things?" The one with the goatee asked his friends.

"A fire monster, a lizard, and a attractive fox." The squatter answered back as best as he could even though he wanted to say something more mature than attractive at the time, but chose not to.

"They're called Digimon, and you don't have to think about them ever again." A voice said to them, but when they turned to the source of the voice they were hit by something that seemed like an alien device. "Memory erase - complete. Pursue and secure. Let's go, Gaomon." The owner of the voice said to his partner.

"Sir, yes, sir." The creature said as he got out of the car. As they were tailing the creature, two of the four broke off to talk.

"Ash, just as we were leaving I heard a vehicle stop beside the building we were at." Renamon informed her partner who seemed confused.

"What does that have to do with dealing with that rogue fireball." He calmly asked her.

"I smelled a Digimon within it, and I believe it may have been one of us. I suggest we leave it to them. Besides we need to do some digging on that creature." Renamon instructed back to him, and even though Ash really wanted to help he also had to admit that she had a point - information was necessary at this time.

"Very well. We'll leave it to the guys who are tailing us." Ash admitted to her and with that they headed back to HQ. Renamon, who was racing on the roofs looked down often at her partner, and there was a strong part of her that wished she could walk hand in hand with him.

'I must stop these foolish thoughts.' Renamon thought and focused on getting home. Once there the two decided to head to the library instead of the main room's computer. As soon as they got a few books to read, and were heading to the main room they saw the other two made it in.

"I am exhausted. Phew!" Marcus said after sitting backwards in a computer chair.

"Don't worry, Marcus, you didn't let us down. No one here at DATS thought you could do it anyway." Yoshi commented before taking the offered tea, and took a sip. 'I thought Renamon and Ash could. I wonder why they gave up like that.' She thought while looking at the ones that were quietly reading.

"Huh?!" Ash shouted in surprise over what she just said.

"Mission complete. Digimon secured." A blonde boy said as he walked into the room alongside three other boys and placed the egg besides Yoshino for her to deal with it from there. The arrival of this new guy caught the four off guard.

"Hey, who are you Blondie?" Marcus asked as he rose from his chair. The answer did not come from the third boy in the room, but rather the desk workers.

"THOMAS IS BACK!" the two squealed in joy which gave Renamon an uncomfortable shiver since in her mindset - women should be as intimidating as men, not fan-girls.

"When did you get in?" The purple haired one asked with clasped hands.

"This is such a pleasant surprise." The blonde haired girl said with her own hands clasped. Ash and Renamon focused on reading while Marcus was getting frustrated by this display.

"Hey, Renamon, check it out. There are new Digimon here, too. Hi there, pal." Agumon said to the blue boxing canine who simply walked past both of them, but the blue lizard, dinosaur, and insect said hello.

"Hey, you. When we talk you listen." Marcus shouted out after getting near the new guy, and pounded his fist on the console for emphasis. His brother and his brother's partner decided to stay out of it. "Well, want to start something?" Marcus asked once the new guy turned to face him, but was offended when he was ignored.

"Commander Sampson, sir. Thomas H. Norstein. I arrived from DATS Austria. Ready to report for duty." The blonde said while saluting the man behind the desk.

"Greg Logan, DATS Austria."

"Gary Logan, Also from DATS Austria."

"Jay Allen, Arrived from DATS New York."

"It's good to have you all here." Commander Sampson said back before sitting down while not looking away from his old friend.

"I spent most of my flight reading your most recent reports. It seems there have been an unusually large amount of appearances lately." Thomas pointed out to Commander Sampson.

"He's so on top of things." The blonde fan-girl squealed.

"He so is!" Her friend agreed with both of them nuzzled pretty close. Seeing this annoyed Marcus and Renamon for two very different reasons. Marcus didn't like the fact that the two desk workers were obsessing over the new guy. Renamon just didn't like this type of female at all, and didn't want to be in the same room with them.

"Still, you have to stay put just to make sure they don't try anything with your Ash." The softer side of Renamon's mind said to her, but was somewhat ignored by the rest of her mind.

"Hmm? So, do you think these numbers could eventually affect the Data Squad?" Commander Sampson asked the more experienced of the team.

"No. But of course that all depends on having the right team in place." Thomas answered back and the two heard a strong, purposeful cough.

"Oh? Go ahead and introduce yourself, Marcus. You too, Ash." Commander Sampson said as he looked over to the human on his right. Ash put down his book about a different blue Digimon dog, and did as he was told.

"Huh? Say what! Why doesn't he introduce himself to us. We're the ones with seniority even if it has only been three days. Who does he think he is? Look kid, Agumon, and I are the top fighters around here, so don't you forget it." Marcus shouted out and Ash really wished his brother could cool it every now and then.

"Actually, you're wrong." Jay explained. "From what I learned, Thomas was a member of the Japanese Division before he left six months ago after helping to resolve some production issues."

"Indeed. Thomas is yours and Ash's superior - deal." Commander Sampson explained which shocked Marcus but not Ash.

"But, I...you mean I have to take orders from him." Marcus stated, and could not believe that Yoshino wouldn't tell the guy all the things he had done.

"It's no surprise. Thomas graduated from the Stockholm University of Science when he was only 13. He's a genius." The one with short yellow hair explained to the other two boys.

"Genius?" Marcus asked and did not like where this was going.

"That's just the beginning. He's also part of a prominent royal family in Austria. A real life Prince Charming." The one with violet hair explained before the two did a series of high-pitched squeals and giggles.

"Prince. Ugh!" Marcus said in disgust before glaring at Thomas.

"As for Thomas' partner, Gaomon - his abilities are unmatched among all the Digimon partners here at DATS." Sampson's partner explains while thinking, 'Until Renamon came along that is.' As he gave her a apologetic look.

'I don't care what that mutt can do. I'd still win in a fight considering he's too worried to break a claw with those boxing gloves on his hands.' Renamon thought and went back to reading about the Digimon Sovereign, and for some reason felt like she had met them.

"They are easily the best team we have." Kudamon said to them.

"Oh, yeah?" Agumon said back and thought of that more as a challenge than a fact.

"Unlike some teams. They have got discipline." Commander Sampson said to Ash and Marcus who were both getting a little sheepish.

"Commander, please allow me to say a few words about the new recruits. Based on my first impression I feel they could never benefit DATS in any way." Thomas said which caught their attention.

"Take that back!" Marcus said as he demanded an apology for that crack.

"You see? I recommend he be dismissed at once." Thomas informed Commander Sampson.

"Say that to our faces. Look us in the eye. If you got the guts." Marcus said as Ash walked over to him, and the two stood shoulder to shoulder.

"Very well, you two and your partners are not suited to work here at DATS." The blonde boy flatly stated to them.

"Careful, Norstein." Jay called out.

"Thomas." Yoshi said and was offended by her friend's comment. While his fan-girls were all for it.

"Hey, leave them alone Tom." Greg pleads.

"Well, tough guy?" Marcus said to Thomas.

"Let him have it, boss." Agumon egged him on.

"Dial it down, Marcus." Ash stated, but was ignored and the two started a discussion about Thomas talking down to Marcus' fighting skill. After the last sentence they all headed to the gym for a boxing match.

'I'm gonna punch that smug smile right off his face.' Marcus thought as he put his boxing gloves on.

"I'll go first, if you don't mind." Jay offered.

Marcus agreed to let him go first.

"Those aren't regulation gloves." Thomas told Jay as he leaped into the ring.

"What's the matter. Looking for a technicality so you don't have to fight?" Thomas allowed it to prove he could beat Jay no matter what.

"Begin." Lalamon rings the bell.

"What made you decide to join DATS in the first place?" Thomas asked.

"I'll tell you if you beat me." Jay stated, getting into a cage fighter pose while staring at his partner at the bell table while also waiting for a blow from Thomas.

"You must have had a bad reason to join. DATS has a important mission to carry out. Each member has an obligation to give everything they have to the success of that mission." Thomas said as he watched Jay

slouch, but that's all he did.

"Is that it, I expected more from someone who beat Olympic champions?" There was no pain in Jay's voice. This surprised Thomas and forced him to take a couple steps back for protection.

'I don't get it. He didn't even flinch. I'll just have to...' Thomas thought before punching Jay in the face which the girls cheered for. Still, his body wavered slightly, but remained standing.

"Didn't know head shots were permitted, thanks for showing me that." Jay said with Thomas' glove still on his face. This was a surprise for Thomas, his fan-girls, and Gaomon.

'Is he even human?' Thomas thought in his mind while looking at the bruise on Jay's face, and still couldn't believe he hadn't fallen yet.

'Are you done, if so let's finish this.' Jay thought before punching Thomas right in the face, and with just that one blow the blonde human fell on his back. Everyone saw he was out cold, and were all stunned by this.

He left the room, and after coming to Thomas started his match with Marcus, asking the same question and giving the same speech.

"That guy." Marcus commented in anger as he sat in one of the main room's chairs.

"You should be happy your match was a draw. I've seen Thomas routinely beat Olympic Champions in that very ring." Yoshi said with a First aid kit in hand - ready to deal with those two bruises on his face.

"Whoop-de-do. I've routinely beat the toughest guy at Manodo High School. Ow." Marcus said back to her, and wondered why his head punch didn't end like Jay's.

"Marcus, I'm not impressed by your bragging, and Thomas isn't even in the room." Yoshi said after applying the first band-aid. As if on cue the two in question walked in with Thomas also having two bruises on his face.

"Oh boy." Yoshi commented as they glare at each other. It was then the regular lights turned off, the red lights turned on, and the alarm went off.

'Time for some real action.' Marcus thought with a satisfied grin.

"Commander! There are Digimon signs in Area B-82." The yellow haired desk worker said after getting to her post and checking on her computer.

"Beginning Digimon analysis. Transferring to monitor." The violet haired desk worker instructed and Commander Sampson saw the information on the overhead monitor.

"Looks like, Demimeramon." Commander Sampson stated after seeing the image on the screen. Naturally he thought nothing of it since Thomas

had already beaten it.

"Multiple Digimon signatures, and they're increasing." The yellow desk worker explained to them as she saw more and more blips appear on the screen.

"Rapidly too. 36, 48, 62, almost 100." The violet haired desk worker said as she tried to count up all the dots, but lost track after 100.

"Wait, I've read about this." Ash said before picking out the right book, and recited from it. "A Demimeramon can regenerate over and over again. Multiplying hundreds of times in as little as half an hour." This is what got his brother's attention.

'This is my fault.' Marcus thought with a slack jawed expression. Said expression did not go unnoticed.

"Something on your mind, Marcus." Kudamon asked the teen who got the idea and shut his mouth.

"And now, the Demimeramon has been left on his own to multiply at will." Commander Sampson explained which didn't give the others any confidence.

"Sir, allow us to handle this." Thomas volunteered first.

"We'll get it done." Gaomon added trying to cement their deployment.

"Pursue and secure." Kudamon instructed to the two.

"Hey! Hold on a second - that's our case." Marcus shouted so both Commander Sampson and the yellow haired worker could hear.

"That's right." Agumon shouted out since he believed he could take Gaomon on in a fight, but not his sister: Renamon still scared him.

"Are you 100% sure you can secure the Demimeramon without screwing it up this time?" Thomas asked the four beside the door.

"We wouldn't have to secure the Demimeramon if you had the sense to scan the area and make sure all of them were eliminated in the first place. So, in a way this is your fault as well." Renamon commented.

"She's right. I mean after dealing with that one, and if you were as smart as you claim to be, you should have known that and made sure there weren't any left behind." Ash added which made Thomas very angry.

"No, I'll go." Thomas replied back and walked past them.

"You can't handle that many alone. We'll help." Marcus offered since he believed a fox and a dinosaur could aid a mongrel.

"We're fine." Thomas said back when in reality he didn't want Ash showing him up any further.

"Well, guys, we're not going to let them have all the fun." Ash said with a smirk and received a 'no' from Marcus and Agumon, so the four raced to the door to join him anyway.

"Stop right there." Commander Sampson ordered them causing the small group to stop right at the door, and glance over at him.

"This time: Thomas and Gaomon are the best team." This was a comment that neither Ash or Marcus would not have expected from Commander Sampson.

"Then what does that make us." Marcus asked Commander Sampson and Kudamon.

"Yeah, we're great." Agumon commented to the two in front of them as they all turned to face Commander Sampson.

"That is a direct order." Commander Sampson stated to them in a calm tone.

"The four of you should observe how Thomas and Gaomon operate." Kudamon explained while his partner spoke.

"Right. Yoshino, I want you, Lalamon, Jay, and Guilmon to assist." Commander Sampson said to the four other field agents.

"Yes, sir." Yoshi said with a salute before racing out the door with Jay.

"Do not worry, Marcus. There may be other battles for us." Ash offered with a gentle hand on his shoulder. As for the current battle Thomas and Gaomon arrived by a body of water where the tiny fireballs were just floating in the sky.

"Gaomon, now." Thomas issued to his partner.

"Yes, sir." Gaomon answered back. Three of them heard the voices and decided to attack.

"Initiate, Plan A." Thomas said causing Gaomon to take a few steps forward and counter their fireball attack.

"Double Backhand." Gaomon shouted and created a twister which dealt with the enemy attack. Seeing this caused the three Demimeramon to fall back with the others.

"Plan A-2." Thomas said as he went with Champion Level. "DNA Charge." He shouted after making his hand glow blue with a snap of the fingers, and slammed that energy on his digivice.

"Gaomon digivolve to..." Gaomon shouted before feeling the transformation take hold. "Gaogamon." Gaogamon shouted once the transformation was complete.

"Initiate plan." Thomas said to Gaogamon in front of him.

"Spiral Blow." Gaogamon shouted and unleashed a tornado from his mouth. The attack took them all down in a single motion.

"Well done. Perfect teamwork. Like always." Yoshi said as she and Jay

put the eggs in the back of their vehicle.

"Three minutes and ten seconds. We beat our old record by over a minute." Thomas said to his partner.

"Sir, yes, sir." Gaomon answered back since he was always glad to please his partner.

"Demimeramon in Area B-17." The blonde haired desk worker said through the comm link.

"Gaomon, let's go." Thomas instructed.

"Sir, yes, sir." Gaomon answered back, and after getting into the car they headed over to the next spot.

"It's as if Thomas and Gaomon never left." Commander Sampson said as he and the others watched the whole thing back at base. The fan-girl still idolized him even though he left the Japanese Division for a while.

"Cute?" Agumon asked after repeating the last word that the yellow haired desk worker said. Sadly he could not see that at all.

"You see? There's a huge difference between your teams and Thomas and Gaomon's team." Kudamon informed the four that were assigned to remain behind.

'Still can't believe they think that he is the best, and won't shut up about it.' Renamon angrily thought, but decided not to show how she felt.

"Boss, wait for me." Agumon shouted as he gave chase to him while Ash and Renamon followed behind them.

"You're not going to say anything?" Kudamon said back to his partner in concern.

"Not yet." Commander Sampson said back since he had a gut feeling that a friend of his would put them back on the right path - at least for now. The four raced into the garage.

"Don't be upset, boss. Just because Thomas is better than you." Agumon pointed out as he was running.

"Says who?!" Marcus shouted back before tripping over his own two feet and landing on the ground.

"I'm sure Agumon didn't mean that Thomas crack. I'm sure you're better than him." Ash pointed out as he and the others stopped around their friend.

"No, I'm not. I'm just pig-headed and I let my pride get in my way." Marcus said back as he tore away a band-aid. "It's time I realized it - I still have a lot to learn. Face it: I'm not the Ultimate Fighter." Marcus said as he stood up, and walked out the doorway with the other three right behind him.

"Ugh, stupid fire." A man said, and this man is someone that both Ash and Marcus have seen before.

"What are you doing here, sir?" Ash asked while taking a close look at the small metal pail he was sitting in front of.

"Just what it looks like - barbecuing a fish for dinner. I'm having trouble starting the fire though. You see the flames keep dying out on me because the wind's too strong and it keeps blowing it out." The older man explained as he fanned the flames for his fish.

"Yeah, that's happened to me too." Marcus stated as he believed this was a food talk, nothing more.

"Well...if you learn to use the wind instead of fighting it then you can make the fire burn brighter than ever before. Harness power. Don't extinguish it." The elder told Marcus and Ash and they understood that this had something to do with them.

"He's right." The four mutter before being alerted of another development in the Demimeramon conflict.

"Thomas. Digimon signs in B-42." Commander Sampson said to him.

"What? That's where they keep the gas tanks." Thomas said back and seemed a little worried.

"We're still ten minutes away from the gas tanks." Yoshi said while driving to the spot. This caused the four to look at one another and see if they knew what they needed to do.

"Leave everything to us." Marcus said through the device.

"What? But Marcus." Yoshi said in a confused tone.

"Stay away." Thomas said to him.

"Pipe down. We can be there in three minutes." Marcus said as he saw the factory they spoke of just ahead. "Come on, guys." He said to the other three who chased after him not seeing the smile the elder made after biting into his fish.

"You're disobeying a direct order." Commander Sampson shouted through his comm link.

"Maybe so, but it would take them less time to get there." Jay added.

"Sorry, sir, but we are your closest agents, so just trust us." Ash said as they ran to the area.

"Don't worry. This time we'll get that fireball." Marcus added before hanging up.

"Oh no. Not again." Yoshi said after he hanged up.

"There's no way they can secure the Demimeramon. There's too many." Thomas said since he still thought little of the four, and as for the four - they made it to the last of them.

"Agumon, use your Spitfire Blast." Marcus requested him to use a Fire

attack on the Demimeramon which didn't seem right to the other three. This disbelief carried to the base as well since they believed his plan was to blow up the gas tanks.

It was then Jay realized his plan, "Of course, that's his plan, force the Demimeramon to digivolve to access his DNA Charge!"

"But, boss. Fire attacks won't work on those guys." Agumon tried to reason with him for a different attack: such as Renamon's stone move.

"You heard me." Marcus shouted back, and since he didn't want to disappoint.

"Spitfire Blast!" Agumon shouted and aimed at one of the three. He was then ordered to attack, and after two more attacks something happened - the three were becoming one and then...

"Demimeramon digivolve to...Meramon." The fire creature was now human in appearance, but with the same blue eyes and stitched mouth.

"He digivolved - now what?" Agumon asked not knowing that the other three saw it as a good thing.

"Just like the old man said: a fire can be blown out by the wind then again..." Marcus explained to Agumon before leaping in the air. "You know what I always say..." He added, but stalled as he punched him in the chin, came through the flames, and stood with charged fists.

"You've got to fight fire with fire." The two of them said before adding, "DNA Charge!" with that the two felt the familiar feeling once again.

"Agumon digivolve to..." Agumon said before adding, "GeoGreymon." Geogreymon stood ready for battle.

"Renamon digivolve to..." Renamon said before adding, "Kyubimon." Kyubimon stood beside GeoGreymon. The two of them did what they do best - stop evil Digimon.

"Mega Burst!" GeoGreymon shouted before unleashing a beam attack.

"Fox Tail Inferno!" Kyubimon shouted as she added her mystical fire balls to the beam attack. The combo once again took down another Champion - reducing him to three eggs.

"They overpowered Meramon's flame. I didn't think they could do it." Kudamon commented since they no longer saw any Digimon signals except for the good guys on the screen.

"All Digimon signals have left the area." The violet haired desk worker said as she double checked the area.

"Marcus and Ash proved they could do it." The yellow haired desk worker commented in a amazed tone while Commander Sampson gave them a 'humph' for what he saw. On the battlefield the three were carrying eggs to a already full car.

"Thomas, weren't you the one who said we couldn't take on the Demimeramon." Marcus asked after opening up the back and feeling pretty sure of himself over what he had done.

"Don't get cocky. You two just got lucky - that's all." Thomas said back while looking away from the two who defeated another Champion Level.

"Huh, yeah right. It's just like I told you - never surrender a fight." Marcus said back as he was referring to his fight with the bookworm.

'This is going to be a cramped ride back.' Yoshino thought as they all got in the vehicle, and eventually made it back. After sending the eggs back Thomas had to get something off his chest.

"Just as I thought - you had no plan and no tactics. Just raw power." Thomas explained to the two male humans: Marcus more than Ash. This caused the two to start talking to one another - a conversation that got on Commander Sampson's nerves.

"Stop fighting now!" Commander Sampson bellowed which got everyone's attention due to the volume that he used.

"Uh-oh. I haven't seen him this mad in a long time." Yoshi said as the others were recovering.

"Marcus, Thomas from now on you two, and Ash will be partners." Commander Sampson explained which surprised the three in question.

'Oh yeah. This will be fun." Ash thought as he listened to the two's reasons why they can't work together.

"That is an order." Commander Sampson said to them causing the two to glare at each other for a moment and look away.

"Oh, man. This is the worst." Yoshi thought out loud, and the others couldn't agree more, but the Digimon prayed this was a good idea.

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